

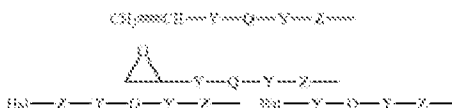
REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in this application and were subject to an Election of Species Requirement.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has required the election of the following species: piperazines with various terminal groups. The species of terminal groups A and B are:

Terminal group A represents a hydrogen atom or a group of formula:



wherein Y, Q and Z are defined as follows:

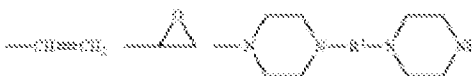
Y represents a carbonyl group or a group of formula $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

Q represents a residue of a dihydroxy compound;

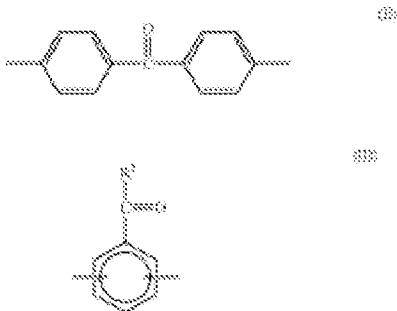
Z represents a group of formula $\text{—(CHR}^3\text{)}_n\text{—}$, where R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a $\text{C}_1\text{—C}_4$ alkyl group, and n is a number from 0 to 6;

and Hal represents a halogen atom.

Terminal group B represents a halogen atom or a group of formula:



in which R^1 represents a group of formula (II) or (III):



R^2 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, an aryl group or a substituted aryl group having one or more C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy or phenyl substituents;

and Hal represents a halogen atom.

Applicant elects as species A: a group of formula $CH_2=CH-Y-Q-Y-Z-$

wherein Y, Q and Z are defined as follows:

Y represents a carbonyl group or a group of formula $-CH_2-$;

Q represents a residue of a dihydroxy compound;

Z represents a group of formula $-(CHR^3)_n-$, where R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, and n is a number from 0 to 6;

Applicant elects as species B: a group of formula $-CH=CH_2$.

Claims 1-25 encompass the elected species A and B.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim(s), Applicant expressly reserves the right to have considered claims to additional non-elected species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable generic claim(s).

Conclusion

It is believed that no fee, other than the required fee for a one-month extension of time, is required with the submission of this Response to Election of Species Requirement. However, if any additional fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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